

COMING EVENT . . .

Our next event will be the **Buffalo Chapter Young Artist Contest and Members Recital -- Saturday, March 10 -- 2:00 PM - University Presbyterian Church** (intersection of Niagara Falls Blvd. & Main Street), Buffalo. Performers are still needed for the recital. If you are interested in playing, please contact John Novak at: jpnovak79@yahoo.com or 585-0135.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be on Saturday, March 10 following the 2:00 PM Chapter Competition and Members Recital. **PLEASE BE SURE to let Chris Snyder know if you are unable to attend.** (C50Snyder@aol.com / 832-4969).

TO THOSE WHO SUB / PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

PLEASE let Margie Metz know ASAP — at 689-4043 if you want to be, or don't want to be, on the substitute list so she can update her list which hasn't been done for some time.

There was a discussion at the January Board Meeting about substitute fees. Apparently some of our members have had the problem of not being paid (after playing for a service) the correct amount. You are reminded that it is important to discuss and agree on your fee with the person hiring you before you perform. Buffalo Chapter AGO recommended fees for substitutes are now on our web site -- agobuffalo.org. When you get to the web site click on **Guidelines for the Work and Compensation of the Church Musician** in the left column. The Contents page will appear, then scroll down to page 11.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: if you are asked to sub at a church where the organist was suddenly dismissed for no reason, check with Professional Concerns before accepting the job.

– E. Gardner, Professional Concerns chair

APPLY NOW FOR A COSPONSORED EVENT

There was an article in the September *Bombarde* about chapter members applying to the Program Committee if you would like to have the Guild cosponsor an event with your group/church. This could be an organ and/or choral event — like this year's Harvest Hymn Festival, October 23, at Kenmore Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in cosponsoring an event, please send a description of it to our Program Chair, Christina Shrewsbury [msuetacs@aol.com / 5886 Bent Brook Court, East Amherst 14051] by the end of February 2012. We anticipate that the event will take place in the spring of 2013.

FROM THE DEAN

Greetings, and Happy New Year. By now we've all filed away our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany music and are looking forward to the new year. Before long, we'll be working on Lent and Easter music (Ash Wednesday is February 22, and Easter is April 8!).

We've enjoyed some fine programs since the last *Bombarde* was distributed. A joyful and very well-attended hymn festival was held at Kenmore Presbyterian Church on October 23rd, and David Higgs presented a wonderful recital at Slee Hall on October 28th. This past Friday, January 13th, we enjoyed our now-annual post-Epiphany dinner at the Red Mill Inn. It was great fun having dinner with our colleagues, and the threat of snow didn't deter too many people from attending (we Buffalonians are tough!).

Our next event is the masterclass on February 4th and recital on February 5th presented by Gail Archer. The event will be held at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY. Host and Chair of the event is organist Greg White. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and will miss the event. After that event, we will have the Buffalo Chapter Young Artist Competition and Members Recital at University Presbyterian Church on March 10th.

I hope you will come out and enjoy these fine programs. We are fortunate to have a strong chapter, and I greatly appreciate the work and support of our executive board and committees. Our program committee, chaired by SubDean Christina Shrewsbury, is already at work planning next season's program.

Have a great 2012! – Curt Holmes, CAGO, Dean

MEMBERSHIP LIST UP-DATE

Please use this to update your Sept. 2011 list

Change e-mail address for Marlene Harrington to mwharrington.35@verizon.net

Add the following members:

- Mr. James Bigham, Jr. 262 1/2 Summer Street
Buffalo, NY 14222 886-2622/886-2400
- Mrs. Hortense Nash, 91 Highgate Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214 833-9754

TAX AND COPYRIGHT INFORMATION MEETING

Members of the Church Musician's Guild, and the Buffalo Chapter AGO are all cordially invited to a meeting to be held on FEBRUARY 7, 7:00 PM. "Give to Caesar (and the Publisher), what is Due"— a meeting about how musicians should pay their taxes. What about weddings and funerals, and what are appropriate deductions? A representative from EG TAX will make a brief presentation. Your questions will be answered. And what about those pesky Copyright laws? We are called to justice. It's not that complicated really...learn how. The evening will take place at St. Joseph Cathedral, in the Msgr. Britt Room. (Entrance along the far side of the rectory). Please notify Ed Witul if you will be attending: EdWitul@verizon.net / 633-2350.

OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE

A REMINDER: That the *Bombarde* is available at the web site. So if there are any problems with the e-mailing of the newsletter, it will always be available to you. Please also remember that due to National changes, to get to the "Positions Open" information, you no longer need to enter: username: *agomember*, and password: *memberago*

Visit our chapter's web site:
www.agobuffalo.org

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